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SUBJECT: RUMORS ABOUT IRAQI INTERNAL SCENE

1. AMIR TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 23 THAT GOB HAD HEARD THAT
PRIVATE GATHERINGS IN IRAQ NOW MUST HAVE GOI APPROVAL AND
THAT CURTAINS ON CARS ARE PROHIBITED FOR ALL BUT SENIOR
GOI OFFICIALS. AMIR SAID "SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE COOKING"
IN BAGHDAD.

2. MORE SUBSTANTIVELY, ABOUT TO DEPART IRAQI AMBASSADOR

HAS ASKED AMIR IF HIS CHILDREN MAY REMAIN IN BAHRAIN UNTIL
AMBASSADOR, WHO SAID HE IS GOING TO RETIRE, CAN SEE THE LAY
OF THE LAND AT HOME. REPORTEDLY, A NUMBER OF RECENTLY
RECALLED IRAQI AMBASSADORS HAVE GONE HOME ONLY TO END IN THE
SLAMMER. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THIS WAS FATE OF
RECENTLY RECALLED IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO BONN.

3. AMBASSADOR TALKED TO
DEPARTING IRAQI AMBASSADOR
EVENING JULY 22 AND HE DID INDEED SEEM NEPVOUS AND OVERLY
INSISTENT THAT HE INTENDS TO RETIRE AND CERTAINLY TO STAY
OUT OF POLITICS. HE DID NOT SEEM TO ENJOY KUWAITI DEAN
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OF CORPS' FAREWELL PARTY FOR HIM THOUGH REST OF GUESTS
HAD JOVIAL TIME. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WOULD HAVE
ATTENDED IN ANY CASE BUT SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO

ATTEND, DESPITE LACK OF RELATIONS, AS SHOW OF SUPPORT
FOR GULF ARAB STATES' EFFORTS TO MODERATE IRAQI BEHAVIOR.
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